

BELIZE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

Aircraft Accident Investigation Unit (AAIU)



INTERIM STATEMENT

Date:	9 July, 2023
Time:	06:10 pm local time
Location of the occurrence:	Spanish Lookout Airstrip Area
Latitude/longitude:	N 17° 17.8' 00'' W 089° 01.035' 00''
Aircraft (Make/Model):	Cessna Aircraft Co. C150H
Registration:	N8473G
Operator:	Private
Category of the occurrence:	Serious Incident
Involved States:	Belize, USA

1. History of the flight

At approximately 06:10 pm local time (2410 UTC), on 9 July, 2023, the pilot of N8473G, C150H, with a Foreign Registered Aircraft was conducting circuit manoeuvres at the Spanish Lookout Airstrip, located in the Cayo District, Belize. The Canadian private license pilot with approximately 75.8 hours total time departed the runway to stay in the pattern after disembarking a family member. Prior to departure the pilot checked that the left fuel tank was low and the right fuel tank had indicated about 3 inches on the dip stick. The weather condition was VFR, with wind speed at approximately 12 kts from a Easterly direction. At approximately 500 AGL after take-off the pilot experienced temporary loss of engine power in the circuit and then followed by total power loss. He tried to make it to the airstrip and another road ahead for a emergency landing which had power lines and finally decided to land the airplane in a corn field to the left of his position. The pilot executed a force landing safely and deplaned the aircraft without injuries. There was no damage to the aircraft.

2. Investigation activities conducted

An interview was conducted with the PIC of the aircraft.
A Drug and Alcoholic test were done to PIC of the aircraft.
Onsite inspection was carried out on the aircraft.
Oversight of final inspection was carried out.

3. Conclusion

The aircraft met all airworthiness requirements in compliance with the foreign registered aircraft, the emergency landing was due to fuel starvation.

4. Recommendations already issued.

In draft final report

5. Next steps

- a) Review and approval of draft final report
- b) Send approval draft final report to relevant States
- c) Approval and completion of final report

6. Additional comments

None